

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A flame retarding polypropylene fiber having a core-sheath structure, wherein a core component is a polypropylene resin containing a phosphoric ester-based flame retardant and a NOR type hindered amine-based stabilizer that has flame retardancy and odor, a sheath component is a polypropylene resin containing 0.3% by weight or less of the hindered amine-based stabilizer, and the total fiber contains 0.5% by weight or more of the phosphoric ester-based flame retardant and 0.4% by weight or more of the NOR type hindered amine-based stabilizer.

Claim 2 (original): A flame retarding polypropylene fiber according to claim 1, wherein fiber strength is 4.0 cN/dtex or more.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A flame retarding polypropylene fiber according to claim 1, wherein a mean value of the number of times of contact flame which was obtained by measuring 5 samples in accordance with the method of JIS No. L-1091 D is 4 or more and the number of time of contact flame of 5 samples do not include a result of 3 times or less.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A flame retarding polypropylene fiber according to claim 1, wherein a time required for firing is 10 seconds or more when a sample is fired by a micro burner in accordance with the contact flame test by the JIS No. L-1091 D method.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A flame retarding polypropylene fiber according to claim 1, wherein the phosphoric ester-based flame retardant is an aromatic phosphate.

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Claim 6 (previously presented): A flame retarding polypropylene fiber according to claim 1, wherein R of an alkoxy group, (-OR), of the NOR type hindered amine-based stabilizer is a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 12 carbons.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A flame retarding polypropylene fiber according to claim 1, containing less than 0.3% by weight of an ultra-violet ray absorber as a light resistant stabilizer.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A flame retarding polypropylene fiber according to claim 1, wherein the polypropylene fiber is a multifilament yarn.

Claims 9 and 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A flame retarding polypropylene film, wherein said flame retarding polypropylene film consists of multiple layers, at least one of intermediate layers is composed of a polypropylene resin containing the phosphoric ester-based flame retardant and the NOR type hindered amine-based stabilizer that has flame retardancy and odor, an outermost layer is composed of a polypropylene resin containing 0.3% by weight or less of the hindered amine-based stabilizer, and the whole film contains 0.5% by weight or more of the phosphoric ester-based flame retardant and 0.4% by weight or more of NOR type hindered amine-based stabilizer.

Claim 12 (original): A flame retarding polypropylene film according to claim 11, wherein R of an alkoxy group, (-OR), of the NOR type hindered amine-based stabilizer is a cycloalkyl group having 5 to 12 carbons, and the phosphoric ester-based flame retardant is an aromatic phosphate.

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Claim 13 (previously presented): A flame retarding polypropylene film according to claim 11, wherein a thickness of the film is 300 µm or less, and the film is not fired at a vertical burning test of the JIS No. L-1094 A4 method, or, even if it is fired, the fire is naturally extinguished within 5 seconds without the spread of fire.

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented): A flame retarding polypropylene film according to claim 11, wherein a thickness of each of said intermediate layer is 300 µm or less, and the film is not fired at a vertical burning test of the JIS No. L-1091 A4 method, or, even if it is fired, the fire is naturally extinguished within 5 seconds without the spread of fire.